

This is a "Marked Up" version of the application, showing amendments thereto.

1. A claim of priority added to the specification, first page, immediately before the Background of the Invention portion of the specification:

Claim of Priority

This application claims priority based on Japanese Patent Application Number 2000-317862, that was filed on October 18, 2000.

2. The last paragraph on page 14 and continuing onto page 15 is shown below in its "marked up" version:

The alignment station C comprises second supporting plates 22 for supporting the booklet bundler 32. A top edge aligning guide 37 [39] and a back edge aligning guide 36 are disposed in the second supporting plate 22. Further, a pressing lever 41 is disposed in the alignment station C as shown in Fig. 3, the pressing lever can rotate about a rotational axis 41a in the direction shown by the arrow R. The booklet bundle, which is pushed by the conveying claw 34 of the conveying apparatus, stops, when it contacts with the top edge aligning guide 37 [39], so that the top edge of each booklets is aligned. In addition, the pressing lever 41 pushes the fore edges of each booklet of the booklet bundle 32 and the back edge of the booklet bundle 32 is pressed onto the back edge aligning guide 36, so that the back edge of each booklet is aligned.

3. Claims 1-8 are cancelled.
4. Claims 9-54 are new.